



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takafumi NAKA

Group Art Unit: 2624

Application No.: 09/670,012

Examiner: J. Thompson

Filed: September 26, 2000/

Docket No.: 107456

For: IMAGE READING DEVICE THAT ADJUSTS FOR WEAKENING OF SCANNER  
ELEMENTS OVER TIME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 8, 2004, Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**